and a Company viz., Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC Ltd.) was set up in May, 1995. The investment approval for the project was accorded by the Government of India in September, 1996.

Since September, 1996, there has been significant progress towards the implementation of the Delhi MRTS project. Following are some of the notable milestones in this direction:—

(i) OECF (Japan) have agreed to provide a Loan Assistance amounting to 14.76 billion Japanee Yen (Rs. 478.78 crores).

(ii) Creation of the posts of Managing Director and three functional Directors in the DMRC Ltd. has been approved. It has been decided to set up a Dedicated Cell in the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, exclusively to look after Delhi MRTS matters. Action has been initiated to fill up these posts.

(iii) The DMRC Ltd. have decided to purchase office premises in the "NBCC Place", Lodhi Road, New Delhi to locate its offices.

(iv) Global enquiries for "Expression of Interest" have been floated by the DMRC Ltd. for appointment of General Consultant for the project. Responses received, in this regard, are under evaluation by the DMRC Ltd.

(v) The process of land acquisition for the project has been initiated by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Notification for acquisition of land in Mundka, Nang-loi Jal and Kirari Suleman Nagar have already been issued by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

उत्तर प्रदेश में कुरेभार को कस्बा क्षेत्र के रूप में घोषित करना

2290. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में किसी क्षेत्र को कस्बा क्षेत्र घोषित करने के लिए क्या मानदण्ड है,

(ख) क्या इस उद्देश्य हेतु सुल्तानपुर जिले में कुरेभार क्षेत्र में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया गया है।

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो ऐसा सर्वेक्षण कब तक कराया जायेगा,

(ड) क्या कुरेभार एक कस्बा क्षेत्र बनने के लिये सभी शर्तो को पूरा करता है , और

(च) यदि हां, तो इसे कस्बा क्षेत्र के रूप में कब तक घोषित कर दिया जायेगा?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा ससंदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. यू. वेकटेखरलू): (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी

Hike in Price of SFS, 1979 Flats of DDA

2091. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that registrants under New Pattern (SFS) Scheme, 1979 have recently been allotted flats in Dwarka;

(b) whether the orginial cost of a flat was Rs. 3.00 lakhs and 90% of the total cost was taken by DDA in 1993;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the price of flats has been hiked and the allottees have been asked to deposit the difference of the amount;

(d) if so, the reasons for the price revision and justificaiton thereof; and

(e) what remedial measures Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the registrants?